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## FREAKY ACCIDENT ON TORRANCE INJURED PERSONS.

### Seven-Year-Old Dangerously Hurt and man Painfully Injured as Automobile Jumps Curb and Crashes Against a Building

Two persons injured, one seriously and others dangerously before 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon when a car driven by Miss Ruth Blackhall, 404 Cota avenue, jumped in front of the Great Pacific Tea Company store and pinned a woman and child against the store.

Helen Brodie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Brodie, 1807 Post avenue, was seriously hurt. The child was pinned against the bumper of the car and the store window, and her head was crushed. Both were badly broken, the right arm of the child being crushed through the skin. A gash that required stitches to close. Four ribs on the left side were broken and a portion of the line, but according to the opinion of physician and attending the lung was not injured. The child also sustained bruises and abrasions about the chest. Her condition Tuesday was considered extremely serious, but she improved on Wednesday and while she is not in danger hopes for her recovery.

The other victim, William C. Phillips, 2023 Redondo, was more seriously injured. He had been talking with the car. This lady gave Phillips a push and he fell on the way. Mrs. Phillips was bruised over her whole body.

## Democrat Club Holds Meeting Monday, Jan. 8

### Election of Officers, and Other Important Matters To Be Decided

All members of the Torrance Democratic Club and other Democrats in this community who wish to join the local club are urged to attend the annual meeting of the organization to be held Monday evening, January 8, in Earl's Cafe, at 8 o'clock.

Election of officers for the ensuing year, and other important business will be transacted at the Monday evening meeting and a large attendance is urged by Beverly B. Smith, president.

Details of the community-wide Birthday Ball for the President to be held on President Roosevelt's 52nd birthday anniversary, January 30, will be discussed. A number of local Democrats have signified a desire to join the local club, President Smith states, and a cordial invitation is extended to them to attend the Monday evening meeting.

## Community Mourns Loss of Popular City Attorney

### Citizens of Torrance and other friends throughout the Southland crowded the chapel of Stone & Myers mortuary yesterday afternoon to pay final tribute to the passing of Julius R. Jensen, city attorney of Torrance, and one of the community's most beloved characters, whose untimely death Sunday afternoon came as a great shock to his family and host of friends.



JULIUS R. JENSEN

Mr. Jensen was born in Galeville, Wisconsin, June 30, 1890, the son of Joseph J. and Mary Jensen. He received his early education in Galeville and completed a law course at the University of Wisconsin at Madison. For several years he practiced his profession in St. Paul, Wisconsin, and his nephew, Robert Ashley, of Torrance.

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## No Damage Done In Torrance By Sunday's Storm

### This Community Again Demonstrates Its Merit As "Dry" City

Torrance again demonstrated its merit as a high and dry place to live during the heavy storm of Saturday night and Sunday which brought floods and large property damage to neighboring communities.

A total of 5.25 inches of rain fell during the storm as registered on the gauge at the Torrance high school, a record amount bringing the total for the season to 7.13 inches, which exceeds by more than four inches the amount recorded up to the same date last year when 3.3 inches were noted.

While other sections were drowned in flood waters and buried in silt brought down by the raging torrents, this city suffered no ill effects, and within a few hours after the downpour had ceased on Monday the streets were dry and only a few rivulets in the gutters remained as evidence of the deluge.

Not a single industry was damaged, and none of the factories here was compelled to shut down operations at any time.

This city is very fortunate in having been located on ground of higher elevation with a natural drainage which permits heavy rainfall to be carried away without any of the disagreeable features such as the flooding of stores, dwellings or manufacturing plants.

## Boy Victim Of Flood Waters In Nigger Slough

### Mexican Youth Swept to Death in Swift Current Through Culvert

A local tragedy due to the storm of the past week-end, which brought death and destruction to many localities in Los Angeles county, was the death by drowning of Chester Herrera, 12-year-old Mexican boy of Gardena, who slipped from a raft into the deep waters of Nigger Slough south of that city about 2:30 Monday afternoon.

The boy, in company with Bobby Gunderson, age 12, also of Gardena, had been paddling about the slough which at that time contained ten feet of water and had been turned into a lake of large dimensions, when the raft was caught by the current setting towards a culvert which in normal times drains the water of the slough underneath Vermont avenue. As the raft neared the culvert, Chester slipped into the water. The Gunderson boy managed to stay aboard until the craft struck the bank when he jumped ashore and ran to the other side of the embankment in time to see Chester's body emerge from the culvert on the opposite side.

He ran to get help, and by the time aid had been summoned the victim's body had disappeared. County lifeguards were summoned from Hermosa Beach, who dragged the slough the remainder of the afternoon and were still at work until Wednesday when the body was found shortly after noon.

Young Herrera resided with his parents on 164th street, Gardena.

## Legion Moose Will Install New Officers

### Members From This District Will Assemble Here January 17

Installation of officers for the Legion (second degree) Moose will be held in Torrance, Wednesday evening, January 17, at the Recreation hall, where preparations to entertain a large crowd from the district are being made. Legion Moose districts include the territory from Pasadena and Whittier south to the coast line.

Hurum E. Reeve will be installed as the presiding officer, under the title of the Great North Moose. All Moose, Legion Moose, and their families are invited to attend the open installation which will be followed by dancing and social entertainment.

## HARBOR DISTRICT CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE TO MEET HERE

### New Officers for the Year to Be Installed At the Coming Session, Thursday, January 11; Official of General Petroleum Corporation Will Be Main Speaker

Torrance will be host to the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce next Thursday afternoon and evening, January 11, when the new officers will be installed and matters of business will be taken under consideration.

The session will begin at 4 o'clock with committee meetings followed by a general business meeting from 5 to 6 o'clock.

Dinner will be served at 6:30 p. m. and the general public is invited, and urged, says Secretary L. J. Gilmeister of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, which is perfecting the arrangements, to attend this part of session.

All meetings will be held at the Woman's clubhouse, 1122 Engracia avenue.

At the dinner meeting Bert S. Lanz, president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce and manager of the Columbia-Steel Company, will welcome the visiting members of Harbor District and friends to the city. Other brief speeches will be made by prominent members and visitors.

W. B. Curtis, sales promotion manager for the General Petroleum Corporation of California, will be the principal speaker. Mr. Curtis will speak on "Wheels of Industry" and will probably make use of the industrial development in Torrance as a part of his theme, also outlining the reasons why the General Petroleum Corporation chose this city as the location of its huge important plant, still in process of construction on its property in the north part of the city.

His talk is expected to be of great interest to all, especially to the citizens of Torrance where industry is the backbone of the community's prosperity.

Officers to be installed at this meeting are: Carl L. Hyde, re-elected president; Ray O. Baldwin of Long Beach, Thomas Blair of Redondo Beach, Leslie C. Mott of San Pedro, Loren Howe of Hawthorne and John M. Clarke of Redondo Beach, vice presidents; Hugh B. Johnston, Gardena, secretary; George F. Larson, West Los Angeles, treasurer; and Lieut. Governor Frank P. Merriam, president emeritus.

## Downtown Clubroom For Adults Part of City Recreation Plan

Considerable progress is being made in lining up the recreational project in Torrance, according to Bernard J. Donahue, Torrance high school coach, who has been placed in charge of the committee headed by R. R. Smith and composed of heads of service clubs and civic organizations here.

Plans are under way to obtain the use of a large building on Cabrillo avenue, now unoccupied, for a clubroom for youths and adults, where checker tournaments, chess games and other recreational pastimes will be held.

Working with Mr. Donahue, are Miss Odell and C. W. McNew, who carried on the work temporarily here last summer, and are helping very much to get the project into smooth working order.

These assistants are contacting owners of property over the city to secure the use of some suitable vacant lots, so that small playgrounds may be set up in various parts of town. The municipal hall park is now being used, and will be one of the main centers of activity, but it is too far from the center of population to permit the very young children to take advantage of its recreational opportunities. For the smaller children the neighborhood playgrounds will be provided with play equipment, and they will be at all times under the eye of an adult worker.

Contacts have also been made in Waverly, the Pueblo, and the McDonald tract, according to Mr. Donahue, and in each place the plans for recreation have met with ready response and a mixed crowd of youngsters of all ages.

The principal need for the success of the city-wide project, is workers. Jobs are open to unemployed persons who are qualified along this line. They must know how to organize play, lead in games, and be able to handle diplomatically a mixed crowd of youngsters of all ages. Previous experience is desirable but not necessary, provided the applicant has a personality that suits the requirements and ability to take direction.

The recreation idea is not one of a temporary character but will be carried on indefinitely, and since Coach Donahue and his helpers are working daily to put it over successfully it will not be long before the whole project is under way.

## Third Quarterly Meeting of C. of C. Inc.

Torrance Chamber of Commerce will hold its third quarterly meeting at its rooms, 1122 Engracia avenue, Tuesday evening, 18, beginning at 8:30 o'clock. The guest speaker will be E. Ross.

## Mayor Charges Discrimination In Allowing C. W. A. Work Orders

Unless additional federal appropriations are made for the Civil Works Administration, of the City of Los Angeles reduces its quota of work orders, it permits the City of Torrance men, there seems little likelihood that any of the 335 unemployed men in Torrance, who cannot qualify under the welfare department, will receive work orders.

As explained by Mayor C. Earl Conner and City Engineer E. R. Leonard, who has been in close touch with the welfare department, it was predicted today that the city would receive only 100 work orders, which is less than its quota of 335.

Charges of discrimination in the release of C. W. A. work orders being made by Torrance, Redondo Beach, El Monte, South Pasadena, as no employment has been given to residents of those four cities, and other municipalities in the county are complaining that they are not receiving a fair share of C. W. A. funds.

Communications have been dispatched to President Roosevelt and other high government officials by municipal authority officials of Redondo Beach and El Monte, and Mayor Conner stated yesterday that he would propose similar action at the Tuesday meeting of the Torrance city council, if there was no relief in sight by that time.

Redondo Beach has 650 registered unemployed men and women, and Torrance has 270 registered under the C. W. A., as well as 85 additional who were registered by H. W. Beach of the Co-operative Relief, and have not re-registered for C. W. A. work at the city hall.

TURN TO STORY ONE

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\* THEY GOT WET. \*  
\* ALL RIGHT! \*  
\* "Don't you know why we aren't getting any work orders?" asked one of the men who has been patiently waiting for a job from the C. W. A. to another fellow who played. "It's because there's no rain, and we have to wait until they dry out." Which proved that no matter how hard a fellow might be, he never loses his sense of humor. "And that's the funny thing about it, is that the other fellow who lived the story," he told the Herald yesterday.

## Buildings to Be Abandoned As Hazardous

### City School Board to House Elementary Pupils in Tents

Within three weeks school children of Torrance and other communities in the Los Angeles city school system will attend classes in tents, since the decision reached yesterday by the board of education to abandon 275 masonry buildings in the city school system.

Action was taken following the receipt of the grand jury report denouncing the elementary buildings as earthquake hazards, and fixing the responsibility upon the trustees for possible damage and loss of life should a major quake occur.

The board has ordered the purchase of 2000 tents at an approximate cost of \$500,000 which will be erected on the school grounds. They will serve as classrooms and sanitary quarters for the children and offices for the administration staff.

They will be equipped with heating and lighting facilities and have board floors. Evacuation of the masonry buildings is expected to begin within three weeks.

Decision as to high schools and junior colleges had not yet been reached.

Plans for a bond issue for funds to replace or repair the damaged structures were taken under consideration.

The probable cost of remodeling the schools will be in the neighborhood of \$40,000,000.

## Norma Patterson Winner In Contest

Norma Patterson, 12-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Patterson, 732 Border avenue, has distinguished herself as an artist at the piano. Norma, who studies with Madame Teala Billini, recently entered the contest conducted by the Los Angeles Herald and Express. She was one of 12 young artists selected from several hundred entered in the contest.

Thirty children were entered in the division where Norma was awarded first place. She was the only entrant in this group asked to play a second number. She played "The Music Box" by Goedicke and "The Music Box" by Liebeck.

## Plan Birthday Ball For President On January 30

Plans for Torrance's participation in the nation-wide "Birthday Ball for the President" to be held on January 30, the 52nd birthday anniversary of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, were completed last week by Beverly B. Smith, who has been appointed local chairman by Col. Henry L. Doherty, chairman of the national committee.

The Torrance ball will be held at the Hollywood Riviera club and is planned to be the outstanding social event of the year. The "biggest birthday party in American history" will begin with a grand march at 8:30 p. m. on January 30, and dancing to an exceptionally good orchestra will be enjoyed for the balance of the evening. There will be no speeches, and the party will be strictly informal. Mr. Smith announced.

Price of tickets has been set at one dollar per couple so that everyone can afford to attend. Some 2300 other communities throughout the nation are planning to attend the season which will be held Sunday afternoon, at 3 o'clock.

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